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SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : May I know, Sir, whether any paper has submitted an apology and therefore the action against it was dropped? If so, may I know the name of the paper and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I am not aware of any apology that was tendered by any paper.

DR. H. V. HANDE : May I know the work of the Press Information Officer who has been recently appointed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : A separate question may be put, Sir.

Planning Department

* 25 *Q.*—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any Planning Department in the State;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to appoint a Planning Committee in each district; and

(*c*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) There is a separate Planning Wing in the Finance Department.

(*b*) There is no Planning Committee at District level. But District Development Councils watch and review the progress of various developmental activities undertaken in the District.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Sir, the District Development Councils make so many recommendations and pass so many resolutions. They also take very important decisions. May I know, Sir, whether these are taken into consideration and acted upon by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : They will be looked into in terms of the rules that have been framed under the Act.

DR. H. V. HANDE : May I know, Sir, whether the Planning Wing has secretariat status or only a district status?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have said, Sir, that it is functioning as a separate wing in the Finance Department.

Primary Health Centres

* 26 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Primary Health Centres which have no doctors for the last four months in North Arcot district; and

(*b*) the reasons therefor?